

Attachment F: Description of Uninsured and Prenatal Performance Plan

Insurance coverage rates for individuals under 200% of the federal poverty level are summarized in the table below. This estimate is based on a two-year merge of Current Population Survey (CPS) data for calendar years 1999 and 2000. These rates were then applied to the population estimates from the 2001 Current Population Survey.

Individuals Under 200% FPL	Insured/Uninsured Rates			Insured/Uninsured Individuals	
	Insured		Uninsured	Insured	Uninsured
	Private	Public*			
Age 18 and Under	32.48%	34.27%	33.25%	214,038	106,618
Age 19 - 64					
Males	39.86%	23.48%	36.65%	147,870	85,585
Females	38.72%	17.02%	44.26%	128,062	101,687
Age 65 and Over	36.63%	62.79%	0.58%	146,132	853
Total	65.3%		34.7%	930,845	

*public insurance includes coverage for individuals in the military.

In addition, the State of Colorado specifically monitors insurance coverage rates for women giving birth in the state. The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) is an ongoing, population-based surveillance system designed to supplement vital records data and to generate state-specific perinatal health data. In the fall of 1996, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment was awarded a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to establish PRAMS in Colorado. Data collection for this system began in April of 1997. PRAMS data will assist Colorado in evaluating and improving services to women and infants so that poor pregnancy outcomes can be prevented.

Each month, a stratified random sample of infants 2-4 months old is selected from birth certificate records to comprise the PRAMS sample. The sample is stratified on the regions of residence (Denver Metro, Other Metro, and Rural) and birth weight (low and adequate) to ensure a large enough sample in the low birth weight and rural categories. Women are excluded from the sampling if they are not Colorado residents, are age 14 or younger, or experienced a multiple birth of four or more live born infants.

Women are first sent a letter describing the project and providing them an opportunity to refuse to participate. They are then mailed the survey, with up to two more copies sent to nonresponders. Trained interviewers call women who do not respond by mail and the survey may be completed over the phone. Women who indicate on the birth certificate that they are of Hispanic origin receive all mailings in both English and Spanish; in addition, the phone interview can be completed with a Spanish-speaking interviewer. They survey data from the respondents are weighted to represent all pregnancies among Colorado residents age 15 and older who deliver live born infants.

Based on information collected through PRAMS, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing estimates that nearly 3,400 uninsured women would be eligible for the program per year. Initial estimates indicate that by the end of FFY 04, 95% of eligible women will be enrolled, which is a reduction in the uninsured rate among women ages 19-64 of 3.2% (from 44.26% to 42.84%). In addition, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing intends to use PRAMS data to establish a baseline against which it can measure performance. Within the first year of the demonstration, the Department will contract with a consulting firm to assist the State in establishing an evaluation protocol that would include specific health outcome measures beyond the reductions in uninsurance rates described above.